



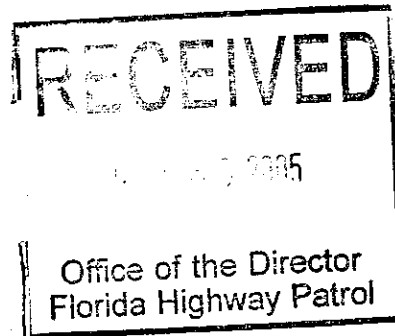
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Colonel Christopher Knight  
Florida Highway Patrol  
2900 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee FL 32399-0500




Dear Colonel Knight: *Chris*

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know in writing how much we appreciate the assistance offered and delivered by Troop B of the Florida Highway Patrol during our on-going sinkhole situation.

From the very beginning, Major Rick Carpenter and his troopers were on the scene and did a great job of helping keep curious onlookers out of harm's way until we could assess the situation.

Again, thank you for your immediate assistance. I look forward to working with you and your extremely professional officers in the future. Please let us know if we can assist you.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Gootee, Sheriff